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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

DEPARTMENT FOR DELIVERY TO AF AT 10 AM SATURDAY

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: SIMIAO VISA

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1. WE DID NOT RECEIVE REFS (A) AND (B) BEFORE ISSUANCE OF
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VISA BECAUSE OF BREAK IN OUR TELEX COMMUNICATIONS. MEANWHILE

HIGH COMMISSIONER VICE ADMIRAL VITOR CRESPO HAS ANNOUNCED THAT LEADERS OF ABORTIVE MOVEMENT FOR FREE MOZAMBIQUE WOULD BE TRIED AND PUNISHED. SINCE SIMIAO WAS ONE OF LEADERS, PRESENT AND BROADCASTING FROM RADIO CLUBE, SHE IS PRESUMABLY CONSIDERED UNDER INDICTMENT AND FUGITIVE FROM MOZAMBIQUE.

2. THUS ON PURELY LEGAL GROUNDS, ADMISSION OF SIMIAO TO US MIGHT BE HIGHLY PROBLEMATIC. IT IS POSSIBLE, FOR EXAMPLE, GOP MIGHT ASK FOR HER EXTRADITION CAUSING POLITICAL-LEGAL PROBLEMS FOR USG.

2. ON POLITICAL SIDE, ADMISSION OF SIMIAO COULD CAUSE CONSIDERABLE STRAIN IN OUR RELATIONS WITH NEW MOZAMBIQUE GOVERNMENT AND TO LESSER EXTENT WITH GOP. JOANA SIMIAO WARNED US THERE WOULD BE A COUP ATTEMPT IN EARLY SEPTEMBER, SHE WAS BROADCASTING FROM RADIO CLUB OF MOZAMBIQUE DURING MUCH OF UPRISING AND SHE BEARS PARTIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ENSUING BLOODSHED AND VIOLENCE. AS ALREADY REPORTED, SHE IS ASSOCIATED WITH USG IN MIND OF FRELIMO SUPPORTERS HERE AND SHE CONTACTED CONSULATE GENERAL BY PHONE ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS AND VISITED CONSULATE GENERAL ON SEPTEMBER 5. HER ADMISSION TO US WOULD CONFIRM WORST SUSPICIONS AMONG NEW MOZAMBIQUE GOVERNMENT AND FRELIMO SUPPORTERS HERE.

4. SINCE SIMIAO HAS PRESUMABLY NOT YET ENTERED US, REQUEST DEPT INSTRUCT EMBASSY LISBON TO APPROACH GOP URGENTLY INFORMING IT THAT VISA ISSUED BEFORE WE AWARE OF HIGH COMMISSIONER CRESPO'S STATEMENT AND ASCERTAIN POSITION OF GOP ON MATTER. IN THIS WAY, EVEN IF IT TURNS OUT THERE IS NO LEGAL OBSTACLE OR REASON FOR NOT ADMITTING SIMIAO, WE WILL HAVE INFORMED GOP (AND THROUGH IT MOZAMBIQUE GOVERNMENT) OF OUR ACTION BEFORE IT COMES TO THEIR ATTENTION IN A NASTIER WAY.
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